

GRAUSTARK

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1966AA

WAR ENDS IN TRUCE

GERMANY AND AUSTRIA-HUNGARY
AGREE ON PEACE TERMS

LUCREZIA MAY ENTER A MONASTERY --
OR VICE VERSA

ENGLAND TO BE CONVERTED TO
A BORDSCHABIAZIN FACTORY

SEVASTOPOLITAN COURT GETS ASYLUM --
BUT NOT POLITICAL ASYLUM

REICHS REJOICE - SO DOES BROOKLYN!

WALKOFF MADE HONORARY MAD SATIRICAL MONK

POSTWAR SLUMP CUTS SHIPPING;
PRINCESS SVETSOXA FIRED

BROOKLYN TO PLACE PROHIBITIVE TARIFF
ON SEVASTOPOLITAN PRESS RELEASES

WILHELM AND LUCREZIA ERECT JOINT GOVERNMENT

DYGERTEVSKY PENALIZED FIFTEEN YARDS
FOR DELAYING THE GAME

JOINT PEACE AND VICTORY STATEMENT, GERMANY & BALKANIA

We, the Governments of the Empire of Germany and the Federal Empire of Balkania (Austria-Hungary) in Game 1966AA, do hereby declare that hostilities in Europe are at an end, effective 1 January 1915. In so doing, we submit the builds reported in GRAUSTARK #149 and jointly agree to consider the game a draw.

In accordance with the agreements of 1910 and 1911, the Government of Germany cedes to Balkania the city of Moscow and its environs.

The wedding of His Imperial Majesty Kaiser Wilhelm III and Her Imperial Majesty Kaiserin Lucrezia having taken place during the last Yule Orgy, the Empires of Germany and Balkania now constitute the Dual Monarchy of Europe, dedicated to the preservation of peace, plenty, Bordschabiazin, greed, stealth, and free love.

In our opinion, the present victory was due to the following factors:

- a. The early destruction of France.
- b. The steadfast loyalty of Italy to the cause of Bordschaism.
- c. The failure of Turkey to do much but sit and await the sure hand of destruction.
- d. The constant vacillation, missed moves, and mediocre play of England, which led to the German-Balkanian Alliance.
- e. The heroic Boy Scout Troop 711 of Munich, whose hike across the Alps precipitated the Siege of Austria.
- f. Count Ritorno Vincitore, the Balkanian Foreign Minister, whose constant pleas for help so drove Germany to distraction that the German-Balkanian Alliance was signed just to shut him up.
- g. The Grand Empire of Sevastopol, which almost won the game by crushing the other players under the sheer weight of its press releases.

Death, doom, and destruction to all those who oppose the New Universal Order and/or who do not admit that Her Holiness Pope Joan II is the cutest Pope in Christendom!

FOR GERMANY:

FOR BALKANIA (AUSTRIA-HUNGARY):

/s/ James W. Latimer III

/s/ R. G. Walker

TURKS SINK ITALIAN FLEET, SEIZE APULIA

GERMANY (M. Miller): A Tyr-Mun; A Mun-Bor; F Hel-Den; A Kie S F Hel-Den; F North Sea-Ska; A Edi holds; A Liv-St.P.

ITALY (Clark): F North Atlantic-Norwegian Sea; F Liv-North Atlantic; A Spa-Mar; A Lon & A Ven hold; A Rom S A Ven; F Tyr-Ion; F Tun, F Nap, & F Apu S F Tyr-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): A Vie-Tyr; A Tri-Ven.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): F Ska-Norway; F St.P-Norway; A Mos-War; A Pru-War; A Don-Kie; A Sil-Mun.

TURKEY (Beshara): F Ion-Apu; F Adr S F Ion-Apu; F Aeg-Gre; F Smy-Eas; F Con-Aeg; A Rum-Gal; A Ser-Bud; A Gre-Sor; A Boh S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Vie-Tyr.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Tyr-Pio and Russia retreats A Don-Swe. The Italian fleet in Apulia is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY 1968.

BERLIN: It is a shame that the Czar does not recognize that the Turks are sharpening their swords for Russian blood.

FREEDONIA: Against a background of worsening relations with the neighboring country of Sylvania, President Rufus T. Firefly placed full responsibility for mobilization of the army in the hands of Secretary of War Chicolini. At a news conference in the home of Mrs. Gloria Teasdale, President Firefly responded to objections about Chicolini's alleged foreign origin.

"Gentlemen, I place a thorough trust in Chicolini's reliability and loyalty. If I can't trust him, I can't trust anyone."

"Why didn't you respond to Ambassador Trentino's attempt to negotiate the differences between Freedonia and Sylvania?" a reporter asked.

President Firefly conferred briefly with his secretary, who assured him that the Sylvanian Ambassador had attempted to telephone for an appointment.

"Oh, that explains it," the President said. "My telephone is out of order. My chauffeur ate it."

ANGUILLA ISLAND: Today a small boy raced into the office of this tiny island's chief of police crying, "A flying sorcerer! A flying sorcerer!"

"Don't you mean 'a flying saucer'?" he was asked.

"No!" he insisted. "A flying sorcerer!" And he led them outside, where, indeed, a curious aircraft hovered overhead. It was hovering at an altitude of about 15 feet, and was apparently powered by a 2-cycle gasoline engine, a large leaky bag filled with ammonia, a wood-burning furnace, and a set of wings attached to the captain's shoulders.

"Ahoy below!" he shouted in French. "I'm Noah of Arc, with the last remnants of the 3¹/₈th French Fusiliers and the 1st Camp Followers' Corps. We're looking for a place where we can settle and establish a New France."

After hurried consultation, the Anguillians informed Noah of Arc that St. Brendan's Island had just floated off in a southwesterly direction. "If you hurry, you can catch it!" they shouted.

"Merci beaucoup!" Captain Noah replied, nearly brainning the police chief with an empty calvados bottle. Then last seen, his craft was wobbling off in the indicated direction.

1967V

In the "Spring 1906" moves in 1967V, France's "A Bur-Ruhr" and Germany's "A Kie-Ruhr" stood each other off. This left the Ruhr vacant, so that the French army dislodged from Munich could not retreat but was annihilated. The 1967V players have already been notified. As soon as all of them submit moves based on this revision, the "Fall 1906" moves will be published and a deadline set for "Winter 1906" builds and removals. "Fall 1906" and "Winter 1906" moves will be published in GRAUSTARK #152.

NEW POSTAL DIPLOMACY GAMES

The second of the two new GRAUSTARK games has been filled, and the following players have already been notified of the commencement of hostilities:

ENGLAND: Hugh Anderson, 2717 Belaire, Lansing, Michigan 48910
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 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: James Latimer, Austin Centre, Room 265, Merrimack College,
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 RUSSIA: Thomas Griffin, 115 East 9th Street, New York, New York 10003
 TURKEY: Stephen Gordon, 2205 East 7th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11223

This game is temporarily called "Graustark II" pending assignment of a game number by Charles Wells. The players for "Graustark I" were listed in the last issue. Since then, "Graustark I" has acquired a stand-by player, John Koning, Apt. 1, 2008 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201. Other stand-by players are still needed; for details see the article on page 5 of this issue of GRAUSTARK.

The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves in both new games is NOON, SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY 1968.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The following back issues of GRAUSTARK are still available: 44, 46, 48, 50-53, 57, 58, 64, 66, 67, 71, 72, 74-91, 93, 94, 101-150. Back issues of RURITANIA, which was merged with GRAUSTARK, are 28, 30, 32, 36, 38-40. All these back issues are 10¢ each, or 15 for \$1.00. Some are in short supply, so if you want to fill out your collection or follow the progress of past games, get your order in now.

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Players in 1966AA are cautioned that their subscriptions cease with this issue unless they are playing in other GRAUSTARK games, or trade for their own 'zine. Subscriptions expiring with this issue belong to: Aita, E. Thompson, Vaughn, Ward. Subscriptions expiring with the next issue belong to: Levinson, White.

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This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

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 P Great
 E Intervals
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 I Inflame
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Time pressure forces this issue of GRAUSTARK to be rather shorter than most. A number of letters to the editor have been postponed to the next issue. Meanwhile, the last issue of the chess fanzine STRÖBECK is in preparation. The lead article, by George Heap, demonstrates that a King and a Princess (a piece combining the powers of a Bishop and a Knight) can force mate against a lone King. STRÖBECK #3 costs 25¢; all three issues can be obtained for 60¢.

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GRAUSTARK, as well as these other publications, can be obtained from John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11218. Subscriptions of GRAUSTARK are 10 issues for \$1.00.

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In Broddingnag #80, John McCallum reports that the war games journal Panzerfaust will begin a spin-off 'zine, Pennyorker, for the purpose of arranging games among players in the Pennsylvania-New York area. Diplomacy games are included, either postally or across the board. For details write Don Greenwood, Box 280, RD 2, Sayre, Penn. 18840.

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Charles Wells now shares John Smythe's distinction of winning 4 postal Diplomacy games. As England he just won 1966AV in "Fall 1910". This was the last current game in Broddingnag, which may soon go into suspended animation until summer, when it will temporarily take over the GRAUSTARK games then in progress.

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter XLIV

"Are you really the Pope?" Secret Agent O-O-Hate asked the shabby prisoner in the next cell. "My teen-age assistant Burner and I were sent to Rome to see him, but Dr. Pourguerre's matter transmitter must have malfunctioned."

"Sure, I'm the Pope," the other prisoner said, shoving a dirty foot in a broken sandal through the bars. "You may kiss my toe."

"Perish," Burner said, "the thought!"

"But is your name Paul?" O-O-Hate asked.

"Paul? Is that copper's mark letting on he's Pope?" the man said indignantly. "I knew no good would come of him. First he fingers Stevie. Then, just two weeks later, he shows up at the Damascus cell and says he's had a change of heart and wants to join us. In a Gadarene swine's eye!"

"But we're fighting against the sinister forces of World Peace!" O-O-Hate explained. "If Your Holiness -"

"Just call me Pete, or Si, or Rocky."

"Holy alias!" Burner exclaimed. "How come you got so many names?"

"One of the necessities of underground work. But you guys don't need to persuade me. I'm against peace, too."

"You are?"

"Yeah. Peace suits the ruling classes - if there's no war, there's no social turmoil, and we're just a bunch of rebels that nobody listens to. But, comes the conversion - we can make use of the popular discontent, blame everything on Jupiter-worship, and take over!"

"Gee, O-O-Hate!" Burner said. "It looks like we accomplished what we were supposed to. I guess this'll be the end of peace propaganda from the Pope!"

"Yes, Burner, you're right. I only wish we had the right Pope."

Just then a squad of legionaries marched into the prison. Their commander unlocked the cell in which O-O-Hate and Burner were incarcerated.

"Emperor Nero wants to see youse guys," he growled. "On the double!"

((Follow the adventures of Secret Agent O-O-Hate and Burner in ancient Rome. In the next installment they discover the secret of the peaceik Nero!))

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF BEAUCOUILLON - XVII

Like other Renaissance principalities, Beaucouillon was troubled with factional disputes. However, none of these were based on ideology; the conflicts of Empire vs. Papacy, Catholic vs. Protestant, or class against class never troubled the tiny Grand Duchy. Most disputes dealt with division and distribution of the income from the gaming tables and other sources of national wealth. Typical are the events of the year 1644:

Jan. 29: Grand Duke Cesare II poisoned by his son, who succeeds him as Roger V.

Feb. 14: Roger V dies of la morte douce on St. Valentine's day; succeeded by his illegitimate half-brother Dionisio XVIII.

Mar. 9: Dionisio XVIII quarrels with his brother Prince Lorenzo over accepting a bet by Prince Rupert of England on the Royalist side of the English Civil War.

Mar. 11: Dionisio XVIII stabbed by Alonzo Gemignani, an assassin in the service of Prince Lorenzo. The prince succeeds as Lorenzo IV.

Mar. 13: Prince Rupert bets 100,000 ducats on the English Royalists.

Apr. 1: Lorenzo IV stabbed by Alonzo Gemignani, an assassin in the service of his nephew Cosimo. Cosimo succeeds as Grand Duke Cosimo VII.

June 16: Cosimo VII marries Carlotta di Pizzina, mother of the late Dionisio XVIII.

June 20: Cosimo VII poisoned by Carlotta di Pizzina. Her son by Cardinal Richelieu succeeds as Ganymedes IX.

July 9: Ganymedes IX stabbed by Alonzo Gemignani, an assassin in the service of Prince Fortunato, son of the late Grand Duke Roger V. The prince succeeds as Fortunato XII.

August 7: Patrice Cardinal Kelly, Bishop of Beaucauillon, refuses to marry Fortunato XII to his illegitimate half-sisters Voglinda, Velgunda, and Flosshilda.

August 8: Fortunato XII challenges Cardinal Kelly to a duel.

August 9: Cardinal Kelly crushes the Grand Duke's skull with a crozier. His brother succeeds as Cesare III.

August 10: Cardinal Kelly refuses to marry Cesare III to Voglinda, Velgunda, and Flosshilda.

August 11: Cardinal Kelly's communion wine poisoned. He is succeeded by Alonzo Gemignani.

August 12: Bishop Gemignani marries Cesare III to Voglinda, Velgunda, and Flosshilda.

Oct. 6: Cesare III loses the crown at roulette to his cousin, who succeeds as Ganymedes X.

Oct. 31: Ganymedes X disguises himself as a lady-in-waiting for a Halloween Party and is won at baccarat by the Turkish Ambassador, Hassan Hadda Bath.

Nov. 1: Ganymedes X resigns the throne and goes to Turkey to join a harem. He is succeeded by his brother, Cesare IV.

Nov. 29: Cesare IV poisoned by Cesare III, who succeeds as Cesare V.

Dec. 10: Ganymedes X stabbed to death by a frustrated harem girl.

Dec. 25: Cesare V poisoned at the Christmas banquet by his brother, who succeeds as Ercole I.

Dec. 26: Ercole I marries Voglinda, Velgunda, and Flosshilda.

THE STAND-BY RULE

Now that the two new GRAUSTARK games are filled, stand-bys are needed. The entry fee for a stand-by is \$3.50. For this fee, the stand-by player gets GRAUSTARK regularly as long as the game goes on, whether or not he gets into it, and whether or not he is eliminated from it.

If any player misses a move, the stand-by should send in the next set of moves for that country. If the regular player misses the next move, the stand-by's moves are accepted instead, and he takes over the play of that country.

Two stand-by players should be enrolled for each game. If two regular players miss the same move, it is GRAUSTARK policy to give the country with the greater number of units to the first stand-by, and the other to the second. A stand-by whose country is eliminated resumes his status as a stand-by.

In the past, both the first two stand-bys have usually got into the game after the first few moves.

Players in the new games should note future issues of GRAUSTARK for the names of the stand-bys in these games.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

In Mesozoic days a war
However short, went quite as far
As those du Pont equips, or Krupp.
Like us, they ate each other up.

- Clarence Day

They moved at random
To open the game.
The reason they played
Was always the same.
Middle game was blind fate
With occasional strategy;
Plastic on wood is play -
Men on earth is tragedy.

- Jan Slavin

Once they built a church in Hell,
Ringed with poison-dripping shrines,
Where Religious Hate could dwell,
Hymned by black divines.
Then, from Heaven, far and wide,
Thunders crashed! and at the gate,
"Let me in," Jehovah cried,
"I am the God of Hate."

- Clarence Day

A postal Diplomacy Kaiser
Advanced on a girl to surprise her,
But found he was short
Of the needed support,
And now he is sadder and wiser.

- Roger Herwell

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JOHN KENING, Apt. 1, 2008 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60201: Are you giving a prize for the answers to your questions on page two of #150? ((Sorry, no.)) Here are mine (but I cheat, since I have a quite comprehensive cross-indexed file system on game results):

The shortest game(s):

- a) Alan Huff, as England, won 1966D (Barad-Dur E) in "Fall 1907".
- b) James Latimer, as Russia, won 1966E (Diplophobia PBA) in "Fall 1907" - though this game might, by splitting hairs, be classed as a variant, since it allowed the "Spring Raid" in which Spring occupation of a foreign supply center made that center neutral.

First Game Winners:

1. Bruce Pelz, Russia, 1963B.
2. John Smythe, Austria-Hungary, 1964B (since he played only as a replacement in 1964A, and took it over from me after 1964B began).
3. James MacKenzie, Turkey, 1964A.
4. Charles Wells, Turkey, 1965A. (He also won his second game, as Turkey, 1965F.)
5. Jerry Pournelle, Italy, 1965H (replacing Man Alderson). He also won 1966B as Turkey, his second game, and his first not as a replacement.
6. Conrad von Metzke, Russia, 1965B.
7. Don Miller, Turkey, 1965S.

I think that list is exhaustive, but I could be mistaken. A number of others (well, Monte Zelazny) won the first game they finished, but that wasn't the first they started.

BOB MALONEY, 33-46 92nd St., Jackson Heights, N. Y. 11372: I'll miss the GRAUSTARK political discussions of you drop them. I find them much more interesting than 0-0-Hate, or the Grand Duchy of Beaucouillon.

((Never been in Beaucouillon, have you?))

LAURENCE PEERY, 4567 Virginia Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92115: Theodore Kennedy is the publisher of the Escondido Blade near San Diego. He is the kind of man John Kennedy was, and I wish Robert Kennedy were. He reminds me most of Edward Kennedy, Bob's younger brother. He's not only smart, but nice, and his principles that don't vacillate according to the winds blowing out of the Gallup Poll.

I also enjoyed The Road to Sarajevo, although I question in part its historical validity.

....I agree with your comments on both the Constitution and the school system. I think you might consider doing more of this type of thing. Frankly, I consider the dangers festering in our cities (both poverty and race) decidedly more dangerous than Vietnam. But that's only my opinion.

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"Anyone who commits U. S. land forces to Asia ought to have his head examined."

- Douglas MacArthur

